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Applicant: Thomas Valentine MCCARTHY et al.

Appl. No.: 09/673,739

Group: 1656

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Examiner: J. Tung

For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING  
GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA  
FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF  
NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

July 5, 2002

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2002,  
the due date having been extended for two (2) months to July 8,  
2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for characterising nucleic acid  
molecules, which comprises the steps of:

i) introducing a modified base which is a substrate for a  
DNA glycosylase into a DNA molecule;

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